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## WILSON FIRM FOR HIS PLAN

Believes it is Only Proper  
Way to Avert Big  
Strike.

## PLEAS OF SHIPPERS

Conference With Railway Heads Will  
Be Resumed Today or Tomorrow  
Morning

Washington, Aug. 21.—Fifty rail-  
road presidents who are now in Wash-  
ington are again in conference with  
President Wilson at the White House,  
this afternoon. They went to the  
White House at 2:30 o'clock at the  
urgent request of the President,  
though they had not expected to see  
him today and probably not tomorrow.

Washington, Aug. 20.—President  
Wilson's week of conferences with  
ranking officials of the railroads and  
leaders of their employes threaten-  
ing a nation-wide strike are believed  
by all parties to the controversy to  
have brought the situation to a point  
where decisive developments may be  
expected within a few days.

While the negotiations took an ac-  
tual forward step yesterday, the  
President relied indirectly to con-  
tentions of the road officials that the  
principle of arbitration would be en-  
dorsed by his plan for putting the  
eight-hour basic day into effect while  
a commission investigates its practi-  
cability and passes upon other points  
at issue. In a telegram made public  
at the White House the President  
declared he held firmly to arbitration  
as a principle and that his plan  
strengthened rather than weakened  
it. He also said that some means must  
be found to prevent the existing sit-  
uation from ever arising again.

Meantime the road officials, who  
have tentatively refused to accept Mr.  
Wilson's proposal, continued confer-  
ences among themselves. The labor  
leaders, who already have approved  
the proposal, marked time awaiting  
a definite decision from the em-  
ployers.

President Wilson said: "What I am  
proposing does not weaken or discredit  
the principle of arbitration. It  
strengthens it, rather. It proposes  
that nothing be conceded except the  
eight-hour day to which the whole  
economic movement of the time seems  
to point, and the immediate creation  
of an agency for determining all arbi-  
trable elements in this case in the  
light, not of prediction or forecasts,  
but of established and ascertained  
facts."

## NEWS OF THE DAY

Countess von Bernstorff has start-  
ed for the United States to join her  
husband, the German Ambassador,  
in Washington.

A private dispatch from Berlin to  
the Ueue Zuehter-Zeitung says that  
the German submarine Deutschland  
arrived at Bremen Thursday from the  
United States.

Fire, which the police say was of  
incendiary origin, early yesterday  
destroyed six factories and several  
frame buildings, in Amsterdam, N.  
Y. The loss was over \$300,000.

Minister of War Norton de Matton  
announced yesterday that Portugal  
would soon put troops in the field in  
Europe to fight on the side of the al-  
lies.

More than one thousand acres of  
rich farm land near the Bellefon-  
taine Bridge in the Missouri River,  
have been washed into the stream in  
the last few months by floods.

With five bullets in his body, Dr.  
Clarence J. Lockhart, one of the best  
known physicians of the Beaver Val-  
ley, near Freedom, Pa., sank dead in  
into the seat of his automobile in  
Freedom's principal street shortly be-  
fore noon yesterday, victim of a cold-  
blooded murder. Stephen Hessler, an  
Austrian laborer, charged with the  
murder, is in jail, having been hurried  
there following threats of lynching

## GERMANS ARE BEATEN BACK

French Capture Fortified  
Wood and Much War  
Material

## HEAVY TEUTON LOSS

Berlin in Statement Says 200,000 Al-  
lies' Troops Took Part in Friday's  
Attacks.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The Germans  
made a second desperate attempt to  
re-capture the village of Fleury, three  
and one-half miles northeast of Ver-  
dun, last night, attacking in force af-  
ter spraying the French position with  
liquid fire.

The war office announced today that  
French barrage infantry fire stopped  
the attack short, inflicting serious  
losses on the enemy.

Paris, Aug. 20.—The French have  
carried a strongly organized wood be-  
tween Guillemont and Maurepas, tak-  
ing a large quantity of war materi-  
al, according to a War Office state-  
ment.

Violent fighting occurred last night  
on the Verdun front, where the Ger-  
mans made a determined effort to re-  
capture the village of Fleury from the  
French. The War Office announced  
that the Germans were repulsed with  
severe losses.

London, Aug. 20.—An official state-  
ment given out here yesterday said:  
"At some points on our front, be-  
tween the Somme and the Ancre, local  
bombing encounters occurred last  
night, but the enemy made no seri-  
ous attempt to recover ground we  
captured Friday."

"On other parts of the line we car-  
ried out successful raids, making  
some captures, including a machine  
gun, and inflicting a considerable  
number of casualties on the enemy."

## PASSAGE OF ARMY BILL

Fitting Climax to 20 years' Service  
of Virginia Congressman.  
(By Special Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—The  
passage by Congress at this session  
of the Army bill, commonly referred  
to as the National Defense Act; the  
Volunteer Army law; the Aviation  
Corps law; the Military Academy bill;  
doubling the number of cadets, and  
several other bills of prime impor-  
tance in building up our army, was a  
fitting climax to the twenty years'  
service in Congress of James Hay,  
who was the prime factor in the for-  
mation of this group of legislation.

Mr. Hay will conclude on Sept. 30  
twenty years of service in the House  
of Representatives from the Seventh  
district of Virginia. On Sept. 30th  
his resignation as Congressman be-  
comes effective and he will become  
Judge of the United States Court of  
Appeals to which he was appointed  
by President Wilson. In all that time  
he has been one of the leading mem-  
bers of that body and during the past  
six years as chairman of the Military  
Affairs committee has taken the prin-  
cipal part in framing legislation in re-  
gard to our army, the enormous im-  
portance of which time alone can fully  
illustrate.

The legislation prepared and put  
through Congress this session, most  
of it personally written by Mr. Hay,  
will work such enormous reorganiza-  
tion in the methods, equipment, per-  
sonnel and system of the army that  
considerable time will be re-  
quired to fully realize its benefits.  
When that time comes it can safely  
be predicted that those who have crit-  
icized Mr. Hay in the past six months  
in connection with this legislation,  
will then be strongest in his praise.  
G. N. M.

Militiamen belonging to the com-  
mands encamped at Columbus, N.  
Mex. are forbidden to act as press  
correspondents by orders from Gen.  
Pershing.

## Alexandria City News Condensed

Mrs. Charles McKenney and  
daughter Edina, have returned after  
a week's visit with relatives in St.  
Mary's County, Maryland.

The Gipsy Smith Choir of the Sec-  
ond Presbyterian Church will meet  
Wednesday night in the church after  
prayer meeting. All members of the  
choir are invited to join.

Thomas Mullin, about 50 years old,  
died last night at his home, 529 north  
Alfred street, after a short illness.  
He is survived by a wife and several  
children, and was formerly employed  
as a gasmaker at the Alexandria Gas  
Works.

Close on the heels of the recent  
regatta of the Old Dominion Boat  
Club, in which the local crew defeat-  
ed the Annapolans, of Washington,  
the Old Dominion four, under the di-  
rection of Coach Mueller, are hard at  
work practicing to secure further  
laurels in the regatta which will be  
held at Washington Labor Day.

Farewell services and sermon were  
conducted at the Salvation Army  
headquarters last night by Ensign  
Louis Coleman, who has charge of the  
local branch, as Ensign and Mrs.  
Coleman have been transferred to  
York, Pa., for which they will depart  
from this city early this week.

## ALEXANDRIAN IS KILLED

Frank Meade and M. J. Gooch Vic-  
tims of Frightful Accident  
in Richmond.

Henry J. Gooch, 21 years old, and  
Frank Meade, 22, the former of Rich-  
mond and the latter of Alexandria,  
were instantly killed this morning  
about 12:30 o'clock, when they stepped  
off the Seaboard Air Line train known  
as the first 61, and were struck a mo-  
ment later by the Atlantic Coast Line  
train, the second 61, in the Acca train  
yards in Richmond. The young men  
were members of the Richmond Blues,  
one of Richmond's crack military or-  
ganizations, and had been encamped  
for a number of weeks at the Vir-  
ginia mobilization camp, Camp Henry  
Carter Stuart. They visited their pa-  
rents in this city yesterday and  
boarded the Seaboard train that left  
Alexandria last night at 9:47 o'clock.

Upon reaching the Acca yards at  
Richmond, the nearest stop to Camp  
Stuart on the showgrounds, they  
stepped off the train and owing to the  
moving about of freight trains near  
them, stepped back on the track,  
when they were killed by the second  
train 61.

Young Meade's parents are Mr. and  
Mrs. Statius Meade, who live on Brad-  
dock Heights, and Gooch's father is  
the chief telegraph operator of the  
Richmond, Fredericksburg and Po-  
tomac railroad, of the Washington  
Southern Railway. Gooch had for-  
merly been employed as switchman  
for the R. F. & P., and up to a short  
time ago was vice inspector at Lon-  
don, Fairfax County, until he joined  
the Richmond National Guard.

No funeral arrangements have been  
made, but the bodies will likely be  
brought to this city and interment will  
take place here.

## NOTED BANKER DEAD.

James Seligman, a retired member  
of the firm of J. and W. Seligman &  
Co., New York bankers, died yester-  
day at his summer home at Long  
Branch, N. J., at the age of 92 years.  
He was the oldest member of the  
New York Stock Exchange, having  
joined the institution in 1869. Mr.  
Seligman came to the United States  
from Germany when 15 years old.  
The present banking house was or-  
ganized in 1864, after the Seligmans  
sold their wholesale cloth business in  
New York.

Since the first of this month Ber-  
liners have been unable to buy any  
new clothes or underwear without  
having first obtained official permis-  
sion. This is only given after a gov-  
ernment inspector, having inspected  
your wardrobe, has come to the con-  
clusion that the clothing you want  
to buy is urgently needed.

Mrs. John P. Pryor and daughter  
Francis, of Pacific Grove, California,  
are visiting at Mrs. Pryor's brother's,  
J. S. Smythe, at 632 North Wash-  
ington street.

Funeral services for the late Miss  
Pauline Taylor were conducted from  
her late residence, 110 south Fayette  
street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock,  
the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of  
Grace Episcopal Church, officiating.

Excursions to Marshall Hall tomor-  
row will be given by the Holy Name  
Band and the Council of Jewish Wo-  
men. The latter organization will  
have as their guests the matron and  
inmates of the Children's Home, ac-  
cording to their annual custom.

Misses Anna Haslett and Catherine  
Billheimer left yesterday to visit the  
latter's sister in Harrisonburg, Va.  
From Harrisonburg they will visit all  
points of interest along the valley via  
motor, returning home about Septem-  
ber 10th.

Rev. J. G. McFadden occupied the  
pulpit at the Trinity Methodist  
Church yesterday in the absence of  
Rev. L. M. Ferguson, the pastor,  
who, with Mrs. Ferguson, is visiting  
his mother in Catonsville, Md. The  
evening twilight service was led by  
Charles Piepoint.

## FIRE THIS AFTERNOON

Frame House on Prince Street Ex-  
tended Partially De-  
stroyed.

Between one and two o'clock this  
afternoon a frame house, No. 1700,  
Prince street (located in recently an-  
nexed district) was discovered to be  
burning. The house is occupied by  
Ray Fleming and is owned by J. D.  
Normoyle. The occupants were away  
at the time, and when the flames  
burst forth the neighbors sounded an  
alarm and succeeded in removing  
most of the contents of the burning  
building. The fire department soon  
appeared and after considerable dif-  
ficulty succeeded in extinguishing the  
fire, not, however, before serious  
damage had resulted.

## TWO CRUISERS SUNK

Two British light cruisers, the Not-  
tingham and Falmouth, were sunk  
Saturday in the North Sea by German  
submarines while the vessels were  
searching for the German high seas  
fleet, according to an official announce-  
ment issued by the Admiralty. One  
German submarine was destroyed by  
the British, while another was ram-  
med and possibly sunk. A German  
squadron of some 15 warships, in-  
cluding large cruisers, is reported in  
the North Sea by trawlers arriving at  
Ymuiden, Holland.

## BRITISH SATISFIED

In a speech to his fellow-townsmen  
at Cricieth, Wales Lloyd-George, min-  
ister of war said, "I am satisfied with  
the way things are going. I feel for  
the first time in 2-years that the op-  
pers are gripping, and before long  
we will hear the crack. Then we will  
be able to extract the kernel. We  
shall see that there will not be an-  
other war in our day. The British  
people have made greater sacrifices  
than we ever thought possible. Three  
years ago nobody dreamed that Great  
Britain would pour four millions of  
young manhood into the battle-front.  
The vigor of our demand must be ac-  
cording to the measure of our sacri-  
fices."

Five negroes, 3 men and 2 wo-  
men, were taken from the jail at  
Newberry, Fla., early Saturday and  
hanged by a mob, and another ne-  
gro was shot and killed by deputy  
sheriffs near Jacksonville, Fla., as the  
result of the killing Friday of Constable  
S. G. Wynne and the shooting of  
Dr. L. G. Harris by Boisey Long, a  
negro. The lynched negroes were ac-  
cused of aiding Long to escape.

DEVILED & HARD SHELLED  
CRABS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT  
KING STREET.

Miss Janet V. Gronau is the guest  
of Miss Nora Hefflin at her home in  
Linden, Va.

Miss Helen Thompson has returned  
to her home in South Fairfax street,  
after a short stay with her cousin,  
Miss Helen Smith, of Washington, D.  
C.

The newly elected city council will  
organize at a meeting at noon Sep-  
tember 1, and it is expected that at  
their first autumn session, the city  
fathers will choose a corporation at-  
torney to fill the vacancy left by the  
death of Samuel P. Fisher. Accord-  
ing to available reports, the only as-  
pirant for the position is Attorney  
H. Noel Garner.

Plans for the purchase of equipment  
and uniforms are being perfected by  
the Organized Junior Guard, Im-  
proved Order of Red Men, which is  
better known as the military depart-  
ment of Lone Star Camp, No. 1,  
American Indian Guards, the first  
body of junior Red Men to be organ-  
ized in the United States, Walter S.  
Nicklin, of this city, past great  
sachem of the State order of Red Men  
being its founder. Officers have been  
recently elected, and Captain Frank  
L. Shynaker, assisted by Captain  
William M. King, will instruct the  
new organization in drill and tactics.  
Both are former captains of the Alex-  
andria Light Infantry.

## GOOD ORDER IN THE CITY

No Cases of Disorder Reported in Al-  
exandria During Past Forty-  
eight Hours.

Although Alexandria has grown  
during the past year and a half to  
double its former size, the serenity of  
the present summer, that is so far  
as actual cases of disorder are con-  
cerned, is the cause of comment.  
There was virtually but one case of  
violation of law reported by the police  
from Saturday night to this morning,  
and that of a trivial nature. A man  
operating an automobile had made  
too short a turn at the intersection of  
King and St. Asaph streets. He ac-  
knowledgeed that he had violated the  
law, but more thoughtlessly than de-  
liberately, and paid one dollar fine.  
In this connection it may be stated  
that this act is often noticed by peo-  
ple passing along the streets. It is  
dangerous, as a machine coming from  
an opposite direction, while hugging  
the right, should it not have room to  
pass the turning auto, a collision  
would be inevitable.

The policemen are still on the hunt  
for persons who have failed to secure  
licenses for dogs. Two colored per-  
sons were before the Police Court  
this morning charged with harboring  
unlicensed canines. They alleged  
that they were not the owners of the  
animals, but the names of those re-  
sponsible for them were secured and  
should no license be obtained they  
will be made to face the court.

In returning to the tranquility of  
the city, it may again be said that  
Alexandria is twice the size it was in  
the early part of 1915. A year and a  
half ago part of the new high school  
building would have been in Alexan-  
dria county, outside the city limits.  
That structure is now in the center of  
the present city of Alexandria. Not-  
withstanding the increased area the  
members of the police force manage  
to keep good order.

## Excursion Tomorrow

Go with the Holy Name Band to  
Marshall Hall, Tuesday, August 22.  
Boat leaves Prince street wharf at  
10:30 a. m., 3 and 7 p. m.

Adult's Tickets ..... 25c  
Children's Tickets ..... 15c

## RUSSIANS DRAW NEARER KOVEL

Advance in Stokhod Sector  
and Capture Two  
Villages.

## PIERCE GERMAN LINE

Battle Raging in Carpathians, With  
Both Petrograd and Berlin Claim-  
ing Successes.

London, Aug. 20.—Both Petrograd  
and Berlin, in official statements re-  
garding the eastern front, claim suc-  
cesses in the fighting that has been  
raging without pause for the last 24  
hours on the Stokhod sector, between  
Rudka and Cherwishe, about 40 miles  
northeast of Kovell. The Russian War  
Office reports the capture of Tcheris-  
cheff and of the village of Tobol,  
three miles to the west and on the  
western bank of the Stokhod.

This village was officially reported  
in Russian hands in Saturday's Pe-  
trograd statement, but since has  
changed hands several times. "It  
finally remained in our possession,"  
says yesterday's report, which adds  
that six officers and 600 men were  
made prisoners.

Berlin, on the other hand, reports a  
successful Teuton counter-attack in  
this region and the capture of six of-  
ficers and 367 men. The German War  
Office statement adds that the "com-  
bat still continues" and indirectly ad-  
mits Russian progress by referring  
to Russian troops "which pushed for-  
ward on the western bank," although  
it is asserted that Muscovite attacks  
here were repulsed.

By the capture of Tobol the Rus-  
sians have driven a three-mile deep  
wedge into Gen. von Linsingen's  
front on this line and are now endeavor-  
ing to widen the breach.

A slight Russian advance is claim-  
ed by Petrograd 29 miles to the east,  
on the River Bailly Czaremsk, near  
the town of Dol-Hopole.

Berlin reports the capture by Ger-  
man troops of the Krcta Heights,  
south of Zabie, in the foothills of the  
Carpathians, and the repulse of Rus-  
sian counter-attacks at Magura  
Height, to the southeast.

Russian troops were driven from  
advanced trenches east of Kiselin, in  
Volhynia, southeast of Kovell, accord-  
ing to the German statement.

A battle rages on the northeastern  
slope of the Czerna-Hora ridge, where  
the Russians are trying to break  
through to open their road to the  
Hungarian plain. Their attacks from  
due east of Tartar, or Jablonica Pass,  
temporarily abandoned because of the  
stubborn Teuton resistance, the Mus-  
covites now are trying to force the  
pass by sweeping down upon the de-  
fenders from the north. Vienna to-  
night asserts that "strong attacks,"  
broke down under the Teuton barrier  
fire. The Austrian War Office also  
claims to repulse of a Russian at-  
tack south of Horozonka, where the  
Russians are endeavoring to pierce  
Count von Bothmer's front east of  
Halicz.

Andrew Carnegie arrived at Bar  
Harbor, Maine, yesterday in such fee-  
ble condition he found it difficult to  
walk without support. He arrived  
on his yacht, The Surf, which he  
boarded for a cruise two weeks ago  
off Noretton Point, Conn.

## NOTICE

The concern under the name of  
Emerson Motors, that has issued  
papers and notices asking the pub-  
lic to buy shares in their automobile  
company has NO connection whatso-  
ever with Mr. Victor Lee Emerson,  
of the S. S. E. Company of Phila-  
delphia, Pa., formerly of the Em-  
erson Engine Company of this city.  
192-3t Victor Lee Emerson.

## GUARDS WILL RETURN SOON

To Be Demobilized by Nov-  
ember 1, Unless Nego-  
tiations Fail.

## CITIZEN ARMY 160,000

Commands Still in Training Camps  
Going to Border if Railroad Trouble  
is Settled.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Unless the  
joint commission for the settlement  
of all issues between the United  
States and Mexico fails to come to  
an amicable understanding, the Na-  
tional Guardsmen now on the bor-  
der, will be ordered to return to their  
home States and will be demobilized  
about November 1.

This is information which it is  
claimed comes from an absolutely re-  
liable source. Definite plans for the  
return of the State troops have not  
been made, of course. Any such ar-  
rangement would be obviously prema-  
ture at this stage of the Mexican  
negotiations, but a tentative program  
has been discussed, predicted upon  
the success of the joint commission's  
efforts.

This tentative program contem-  
plates the release of the State troops  
just as soon as a peace treaty with  
Mexico is effected; that is, as soon  
as the administration is convinced  
that the defacto government is in a  
position to safeguard the rights of  
foreigners in Mexico and to prevent  
further raids across the American  
line.

President Wilson, it is known, does  
not want to keep the Guardsmen in  
the field one day longer than national  
necessities require. He would like  
to be able even now to assure all of  
the State troops that they will be  
home at least a month before Thank-  
sgiving, but such assurance cannot be  
given as long as any of the issues  
between the United States and Mexico  
remain unsettled.

The tentative plan of ordering the  
National Guard home some time  
around November 1, will not interfere  
in any way with the decision of the  
administration to dispatch all remain-  
ing guard commands now under or-  
ders to the border. Only the uncer-  
tainties in connection with the threat-  
ened railroad strike hold up the troop  
movements. Once a settlement of the  
wage dispute is effected, the militia  
organizations now in training will be  
moved to the front.

From the same source comes the  
definite information that there are  
now 104,000 National Guardsmen scat-  
tered along the Mexican border. The  
War Department has consistently re-  
fused to give out any figures as to  
the exact number of militiamen now  
in the field, the number in camp in  
the various states and the number which  
were excluded for the original mobi-  
lization order.

It is learned, moreover, that ap-  
proximately 40,000 guardsmen are  
still in training camps. The recent  
order dispatching all equipped units  
to Texas affected 35,000 men. This  
would indicate that about 5,000 other  
guardsmen are unprepared for im-  
mediate campaigning.

The further fact leaked out that  
19 state regiments for one reason or  
another were not included in the mobi-  
lization order. Most of these com-  
mands are far undermanned, while a  
few of them were left out for strate-  
gic purposes. It seems, therefore,  
from the information available today  
that there are in round numbers 145-  
000 National Guardsmen under arms  
and something like 15,000 more in  
reserve. This would give the country  
a militia army of 160,000 men, of  
which 145,000 will be seasoned sol-  
diers by the time they are demobilized.

The strength of the National Guard  
six months ago was scarcely more  
than 125,000 men, which means that  
recent recruiting has been unexpect-  
edly successful.

FOR HIRE— Mitchell Six Touring  
Car for Hire \$2.00 Per Hour; Ford  
Touring Car for Hire, \$1.50 Per  
Hour; Alexandria Auto Co., Repairs  
and Supplies, 114 S. Fairfax street,  
Alexandria, Va., Bell Phone 718.